## 15. Covid Protocol and Guidelines policy

## 14.1 Safe Operations

This section lays out policies and guidelines aimed at reducing risks to health and safety in every aspect of a school's operations.

- 1. Precautionary Measures There are five general precautionary measures that contribute to reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission: Covid-19 vaccination, masks, physical distancing, hygiene, and ventilation.
  - 1.1 Covid-19 Vaccination is mandatory for all Staff and students above the age of 16 to enter the school campus. The unvaccinated students above the age of 12 and exempted staff need to get an RT- PCR test done every 30 days to enter the school campus also unvaccinated and not exempted staff need to have a negative RT-PCR test result having validity of 7days. And students below the age of 12 vaccination is not mandatory..
  - 1.2 Masks and Other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Masks is not mandatory except prayer hall, school clinic and school transportation.

## 14.2 Individual tested Covid Positive

Positive case to be considered positive from the first test, regardless of the second test result Positive cases are tested multiple times (at least) between the start and end of the isolation period. Once an individual tests positive, they must isolate and follow the instructions they receive from SEHA/DOH. Individuals testing positive are only allowed back in school after receiving 2 consecutive negative test results and a Clearance Report from SEHA or With ALHOSN green pass. This report shows the high-level history of the case including date confirmed positive, the 2 negative results and that the patient has completed the isolation period.

In this section, a "COVID-19 related incident" refers to a student or staff having sudden onset of symptoms such as fever, shortness of breath, cough or sore throat with or without fever. In case a COVID-19 related incident

occurs where a student is experiencing symptoms, their teacher must immediately inform the Team Leader, and provide the student with a surgical mask if he/she is able to tolerate wearing the mask. The Team Leader must arrange for the First Responder to collect the student from their classroom and move them to the quarantine room while keeping a distance from them.

The Team Leader must also inform the COVID-19 Focal Person, who will call the student's parent/legal guardian to have them picked up immediately to be taken home/to a hospital.

## **14.2.1 Suspected cases:**

If tested negative or certified by a SEHA Primary Healthcare Clinic doctor to be fit for school, and are completely asymptomatic (symptom-free) for at least 24 hours, these students/staff can return to school with a visit discharge summary from the doctor and/or a negative test result confirming they are fit and healthy for school.